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## THE WEATHER

Oregon—Showers in west followed by clearing weather; showers in east portion; probable frost in early morning in exposed places in west portion.

## BAD NEWSPAPER WORK.

We do not know where the recent fool stories of the sinking earth and cracking emplacements at Fort Stevens and the general collapse of the peninsula lands down this way, originated, nor do we care; they were first and last, gratuitous lies, and of detrimental and dangerous effect; and we are glad the Astorian was enabled, as quickly as it was, to counteract and deny their falsity. No honest newspaper man conceived them; no honest newspaper man published them; hence the dimness of their origin, the uncertainty of their authority. They constituted a bad "scoop" for every paper that handled them in the first instance; and all that can be hoped for them is that the outside papers that may have copied them, will do this section the plain justice of producing the flat denial that has been given them upon the best possible authority.

## THE RIGHT OF RECALL.

It may be well for the average Astorian to give some earnest thought to the right of recall as prescribed by the statutes of Oregon and put there by the people themselves. It is evident that sooner, or later, this elemental prerogative must be invoked, to save the good name of such communities as have made the vital mistake of electing the wrong man; or rather the man who having been elected proves to be the wrong man. It is the one whole-some method reserved to the people; they do not have to consult even the man under discipline, nor his friends, to start the movement.

When a man takes a public honor at the polls he is presumed to be an admirable servant; every favorable quality is conceded him; he is free to make good, or bad, as he shall deliberately choose; but the people are as free as he is, in the premise. They do not have to suffer his failure unless they want to, as they were compelled to do some years ago. They have their remedy and may apply it whenever his lapses shall warrant organic action looking to his retirement.

It is not a pleasant duty at any time. There is something shocking in the program that ousts a man from position and confidence before the public that blundered in setting him up; no man will willingly pursue a recalcitrant upon any but the surest and safest ground of proven incapacity or manifest turpitude; and the issue of such a plan may be trusted to stand as the last and best expression of the public temper and public estimate.

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## TELLS OF HIS SOJOURN IN CALIFORNIA

INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF A VISIT THERE BY AN ASTORIA CITIZEN.

Hon. Benj. Young and daughter, Miss Wilma, arrived on the noon train yesterday from Southern California where they have been spending the winter. In speaking to an Astorian reporter of their trip Mr. Young said:

"Yes, we have had an enjoyable time and left nothing unseen of interest. I made Los Angeles my headquarters most of the time. The winter in California this year was very severe and as a result, the tourist trade was very poor as compared with former years. The rain that fell continually from day to day made it very disagreeable, but it did a great deal of good to the country.

"On the 21st of March we left Los Angeles for San Francisco, and the scenery that we viewed as we rode along was certainly superb. In and about this country they will realize a good crop in consequence of the heavy rain-fall earlier in the season.

"During the month of February, we visited Catalina Island, which lay due south from San Pedro, 26 miles distant. The island is 32 miles in length and 7 miles in width, and is owned by Banning Brothers. Their father bought the islands from the Mexican Government, and when he died, it fell into the hands of his sons. They are spending quite a sum beautifying the island thereby making it a place of interest. I certainly did enjoy my stay there, probably on account of the grand fishing. Gasoline boats of all descriptions go out in the evenings to the fishing grounds, and in the morning return with a good load of fish. The fish caught are of various species, such as mackerel, buccodo and many others, which the fishermen sell for a good profit.

"Well, after a week's sojourn in and about the island, we embarked for Los Angeles to say good by, and thence to Santa Barbara and Frisco. "I left Astoria on the 10th of November last fall for Southern California, and I was far from being well and prior to my leaving home I came mighty near passing in my checks. However, I can fully say now that I have recovered, and am myself once again. While away I believe the thing that helped me most was a new spring recently discovered out from Los Angeles a short distance. The name of the spring is the Radium Hot Spring. It was found by boring for oil seven hundred feet deep. On being analyzed it was found to contain many minerals that are beneficial to the system in numerous ways, particularly kidney trouble. The Springs are owned by Dr. Gerhing, who has turned it into the most beautiful health resort that I have ever visited, either in Europe or America.

"The baths are both hot and cold and have a temperature of about 120 degrees. The baths are so constructed that a person can regulate them so as to never catch cold on leaving them. After taking your bath you are allowed the privilege of the beautiful parlor where consultation is given you by the house doctor. I took the baths for two months and drank the mineral water freely. I shall always have a good word for the Radium Hot Springs for they certainly helped to put me on my feet.

"In regard to hotel accommodations, I can state that throughout California, they are fine. I made my headquarters while in Los Angeles at the Hotel Lankershim, in Pasadena the Hotel Green, in Catalina the Hotel Metropolitan, in Santa Barbara the Hotel Arlington, in San Francisco, the Hotel Argonaut and finally brought up at the Hotel Portland.

"During my five months absence I have been well posted, by reading the Oregonian every day, particularly concerning the Oregon Legislature. The legislature was surely very amusing in regard to some of the bills passed, but it is a scandalous shame the way they treated the normal school question. I have always had a soft spot in my heart for the old Monmouth Normal School, because of having been one of its regents for ten years. During my connection with the school I always took a deep interest in it, and so you see, but it has certainly made me very unhappy to have the school treated in such a manner.

"It was mentioned in the legislature that the Normal had drifted into political matters, but I can guarantee that there was never anything like that in Monmouth. However, I do believe that some of the other normals did swap jack-knives. I know one year the Western Normal received an appropriation of \$80,000 which was not right. The trouble with the Monmouth Normal is that it never asked for enough money for its maintenance and now as a result this school has to suffer with the rest. We can talk about advertising the resources of Oregon to outsiders with the hope of increasing the population of the State, but so long as the educational system is tied up in such a muddle as this we can expect nothing but criticism.

The Monmouth State Normal School has and always did have a faculty that taught for less money than any other state institution, but as a result of these bunchgrass legislators work, the school is compelled to dismiss its students and close its doors.

"But we are not through with the Normal school question yet. Let it come up before the people and I ask the voters to see where we land. Why? Because the average class of people sympathize with the Normal and when this class turn out they generally carry the election. I think the Normal schools should be allowed to run until June, thereby enabling those students who so deserve to obtain their diplomas. Wind up the question in a business like manner as any other corporation or firm should do; let the last Oregon Legislators which should have been elected to stay at home, devote the best of their efforts to uplift the State Normals, for it is the rising generation whose welfare is in our care. All I have said is exactly my sentiments regarding the situation and I certainly should like to see them obtain a good start, and flourish in the same light as do those of the other states in the Union.

"In conclusion I will say that I am glad to get back, again to the country of green timber where I can see the old native trees of spruce, fir and hemlock, in my absence I have seen nothing but cactus, pepper trees and eucalyptus and palms.

BENJ. YOUNG.

**ELECTION DAY IN ILLINOIS.**  
CHICAGO, Ill. April 6.—Considerable interest attaches to the city elections being held today throughout Illinois. While the number of cities and towns voting on the saloon question is insignificant as compared with the number last year, the battle between the Prohibitionists and their opponents has been vigorously waged and the result in the several cities is awaited with interest.

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were forced to do battle in 1,200 of the 1,440 towns of Illinois. The reason for the comparatively small number this year is found in the fact that twenty-two of the larger cities of the State and more than 1,000 of the towns are already "dry". Kewanee, with a population of about 5,000, is the largest city to decide the question of prohibition to day.

Chicago is voting for minor city officers and members of the city council. Three propositions also are up for decision. The one of the most general interest is the project for the erection of a municipal tuberculosis sanitarium. The second proposition relates to the proposed annexation of Evanston to Chicago and the third to the annexation of the town of Cicero.

Of the other cities of the state voting today the most interest is attached to Springfield, where former Lieutenant Governor Lawrence Y. Sherman, one of the political powers in Illinois, is the Republican candidate for mayor.

**MINISTER SHERRILL SAILS**  
NEW YORK, April 6.—Charles H. Sherrill, the new Minister to Argentina sailed for Europe today with his family. After spending a month in Paris they will depart for Buenos Ayres, where Mr. Sherrill plans to give his first official entertainments on July 4.

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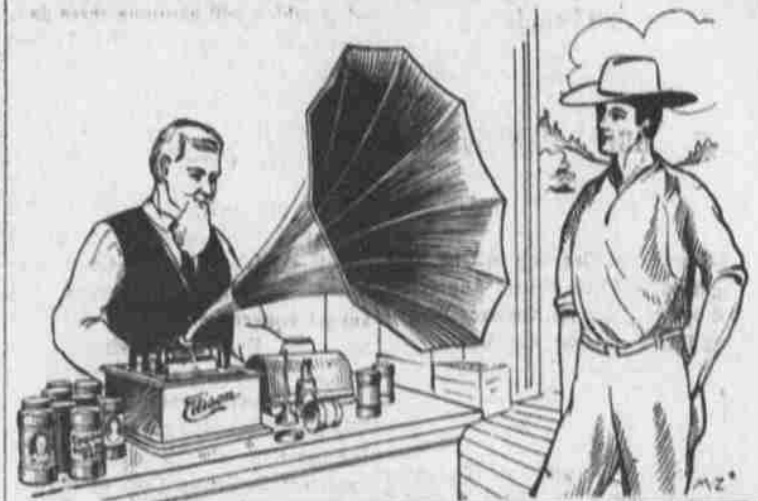
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